

**CITY OF LONG BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION & MARINE
MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMISSION MINUTES
MAY 26, 2004**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Municipal Golf Commission was called to order by Bill Townsend, Chairman, at 3:28 p.m. in the classroom at the Long Beach Junior Golf Academy Building, 6730 E. Carson Street, Long Beach, California. Thomas Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations Bureau, took roll call and confirmed a quorum.

Present:

Bill Townsend, Chairman	
Skip Rowland, Vice-Chairman	
Robin Bellamy	Gail Berns
John McCann	Bob Peeters
Philip Barlow	Tonny Christensen
Linda Cook	Ray McElhenney
Len Kennett	Dorothy Deatherage
Betty Hatcher	Len Kennett

Excused: None

Staff: Tom Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Emy Arteaga, Golf Operations Support

American Golf: Jay Carballo, Regional Director of American Golf
Jeff DeFranco, General Manager at Recreation Park 18
Matt Jessner, General Manager at Recreation Park 9
Steve DeWitt, General Manager at Heartwell Golf Course
Mez White, General Manager at El Dorado Golf Course
Lisa Georgeson, Junior Golf Coordinator

Audience:

Bill Barfield, Past Chairman
Becky Turley
Al Theriault

2. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

- None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 28, 2003

- The minutes of the April 28, 2004 meeting were reviewed and approved with two minor changes

It was moved by Commissioner Deatherage and seconded by Commissioner McCann that the Municipal Golf Commission approve the minutes.

4. GOLF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Rounds of golf for April were up by 3,158 (8.83%) over the total course rounds for April. Total rounds of golf were up by 7,590 (5.84%) for the year compared to this time last year. **(Skylinks was removed from the comparison)**
- Mr. Shippey asked the commissioners if they had any questions or comments on the rounds/financial report for the month of April.
- Mr. Shippey reviewed the highlights of the Monthly Facilities Reports and asked the commissioners if they had any questions on any of the reports.

5. AMERICAN GOLF REPORT

- CIP Golf Fund - Available balance approximately = **\$508,834.65**
- Junior Golf 1% Fund-Available balance as of April 2004= **\$71,767.53**
- Mr. Carballo reviewed the men and women's club hours report.
- Ms. Lisa Georgeson provided an update on the various junior golf programs in our City.
 - As you know, we held our annual clinic for disabled children on May 19th at Heartwell Golf Course. I want to thank Steve DeWitt and the staff for hosting the event. I also want to thank all of the golf professionals from the City courses who participated in particular Jorge Badel from El Dorado Golf Course. Thanks are also due to Betty Hatcher and her friends for helping out. Lastly, I want to thank Terry and Tom for allowing us to treat the kids to hot dogs for lunch.
 - The Long Beach Junior Golf Association has 439 registered members for 2004.
 - The Get-A-Grip Program has started and will be visiting Stearns Park. We have scheduled visits to seven other parks between now and Labor Day. We will again offer scholarships to the Long Beach Junior Golf Association for those who complete the program.
 - The second golf clinic session for the Long Beach Chapter of the NAACP will begin on Wednesday, June 16th at Heartwell Golf Course.
 - The Junior golf Challenge Series Tournament held on Friday, May 21st at Heartwell Park Golf Course was a success with 140 golfers participating.
 - D-Day Tournament is scheduled for June 12th at Heartwell Golf Course. This tournament is our annual shotgun fundraising event for the Long Beach Junior Golf Association. Plan on entering a foursome, contact Lisa Georgeson at (562) 570-1272.
 - The Dempsey's fundraising tournament will be held on June 4th at Los Amigos Golf Course in Downey. If you would like information for this event, please contact Lisa Georgeson at (562) 570-1272.

- The annual Little Linksters program at Heartwell Golf Course is taking applications for youngsters 8 to 13 years old for the two-week sessions scheduled for July 12-16th and 19-23rd.
- Any volunteers interested in answering the phones for a couple of hours in our office on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays? If anyone is interested, please call Lisa Georgeson at (562) 570-1272.
- Seeking table workers for Friday afternoons between 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. for the Long Beach Junior Golf Program.

6. COMMITTEE STATUS REPORTS

A. Capital Improvements – Skip Rowland

- No committee report.

B. Fees & Charges – Bob Peeters

- No committee report.

C. Hall of Fame – Len Kennett

- The committee selected three nominees to be considered for induction to the Hall of Fame:
 - Mike Miles (lives in Huntington Beach). Two time all American at Long Beach State, Pacific Coast Athletic Association (runner to the Big West) Champion, and two-time individual invitee to the NCAA Championship. Played two years on the PGA Tour and four years on the Hogan/Nike Tour and also played in two U. S. Opens, including the one where he set the course record at both the Zaharias and Eisenhower courses in the local qualifying events. Mike also won 42 Golden State Tour events. He is currently a teaching professional at Virginia Country Club.
 - Mike Krantz (lives in Long Beach). Mike was a three time All American at Long Beach State and played in the first twenty-one consecutive Queen Mary Opens winning in 1975. He played on several professional tours (Asia & South America) in the early 1970's. Mike has been a teaching pro at Skylinks and Heartwell for the past 10+ years and has organized runs on golf leagues for couples.
 - Kemp Richardson (lives in Laguna Niguel). Kemp was born and raised in Long Beach attending Millikan High School. Kemp went to USC where he was a three time PAC 8 champion (as a freshmen couldn't compete and before the Arizona schools were admitted). In 2001 he won the U.S. Senior Amateur Championship, the British Senior Amateur Championship, and the following year won the low Amateur in the U.S. Senior Open.

It was moved by Vice-Chairman Rowland and seconded by Commissioner McCann that the Municipal Golf Commission approve the three inductee recommendations. The nomination carried unanimously.

- The commissioners were reminded that the final approval of the inductees will be made by Ms. Phil Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation & Marine.
- Commissioner Kennett has asked the commissioners to attend the Long Beach Open on July 25, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. to support the Hall of Fame award recipients.

D. Policies & Procedures– Tonny Christensen

- No committee report.

E. Tournaments – Dorothy Deatherage

- The Korean American Coalition will be having a tournament at Recreation Park 18 on Thursday, August 5, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. for 144 players. This is the eleventh shotgun tournament. The Long Beach Convention Center (ARMA) scheduled for October 1, 2004 has been canceled.

F. Junior Golf Advisory – Linda Cook

- No committee report.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Skylinks Golf Course Renovation Update. The following summary was provided to the commissioners:

- The Skylinks Clubhouse contract will be going to City Council on Tuesday, June 1st for approval. C.C. Construction was the lowest bidder (\$1.2 million) they are tentatively scheduled to start work on Monday, June 7th.
- Week ending May 14, 2004, the California Conservation Corps workers have finished installing the mulching wood chips in the landscaped areas and completed the painting of the chain-link perimeter fencing. All of the newly planted turf on the fairways and roughs north of Wardlow Road are growing well with the recent warm weather. The contractor finished installing all new landscaping on the course except the area along the driving range fence. Twelve 30-foot deep drainage sumps were drilled and filled with crushed rock in low areas on six fairways. Fairways and roughs on holes # 11, 12, 13 & 16 were finished graded for planting turf.
- Week ending May 7, 2004, Wadsworth Golf Construction finished installing all new landscaping at Skylinks Golf Course except the area between the driving range and waterfall area. The California Conservation Corps workers have finished installing about 50% of the mulching wood chips in the landscaped areas and have painted approximately 60% of the chain-link perimeter fencing. All of the newly planted turf on the fairways and roughs north of Wardlow Road are growing well with the recent hot weather. Electrical conduit was installed

out to the corner of Lakewood Blvd. and Spring Street for a future lighted monument sign. Fairways # 11, 12, 13 & 16 were rototilled to plant turf.

- Week ending May 21, 2004, the golf course renovation project shows highly visible improvements. All turf areas north of Wardlow Road are showing a green cast of green from the turf stolons planted two weeks ago. This week the contractor finished graded and planted turf stolons throughout five more holes south of Wardlow Road.

Strategic Plan Update:

- The ad-hoc committees have been working on determining and prioritizing the goals and objectives of Golf Operations. Mr. Shippey anticipates having the framework ready by the end of June. At this time, we will start working on the golf manual. Mr. Shippey thanked Commissioners Deatherage, Christensen, and Barlow for their participation.
- Strategic Plan Members: Del Walker, Tonny Christensen, Philip Barlow, Dorothy Deatherage, J.C. Squires (City Auditor's Office), Terry Thrift (Long Beach Chamber of Commerce), Ron Arias (Health & Human Services), and Tom Shippey (Parks, Recreation & Marine).

8. NEW BUSINESS

- None

9. COMMENTS

A. AUDIENCE

- None

B. STAFF

- Mr. Shippey clarified the issue that was brought up at the April 28th commission meeting regarding American Golf's operating procedures. Mr. Lortz sent out an email request to all commissioners requesting feedback on any American Golf violations relative to policies or procedures. All commissioners responded and there were no policies and procedure violations. Another issue was tournament requests. All unusual tournament requests are always brought before the commission to review or as information. Mr. Shippey asked the commission to work with American Golf if there are any issues that come up please bring them forward so we can investigate and inform the commission. This will allow American Golf to have an opportunity to respond to issues that come up.
- Mr. Shippey and American Golf would like to make a formal fee presentation to the commission at the June 16th meeting. Commissioners will receive a formal presentation along with packets with all of the fee proposals for commissioners to review.

C. COMMISSIONERS

- Commissioner Peeters inquired about the dead tree near the #13 tee. Mr. DeFranco was not aware of this request and will look into it and get back with a response.
- Commissioner Peeters asked if 50' steel poles are high enough to keep the balls from flying out. Mr. Shippey informed him that they were 30' before and balls were kept off.
- Vice-Chairman Rowland asked if the CIP tree trimming at El Dorado is part of the CIP project list. Mr. Shippey informed him it's not part of the list it's part of the AGC maintenance projects.
- Commissioner Berns brought up a concern about allowing the Women's Club from Driftwood to come and be a women's club at Heartwell Golf Course, since they had lost their play day at Big T. None of the members of Driftwood live in Long Beach. Mr. Carballo was not aware of this issue and will investigate and get back to the commission on this issue.
- Vice-Chairman Rowland commented on how bad the courses were doing when the City was operating the courses before American Golf took over. The courses are now better run and maintained in good playable conditions.
- Commissioner Deatherage introduced Becky Turley who was nominated by the Recreation Park 18 Women's Club to replace her.
- Commissioner McElhenney inquired about new commissioner identification cards for the new term.

10. NEXT MEETING

**June 16, 2004 at 3:30 p.m.
Heartwell Junior Golf Building
6730 E. Carson Street
Long Beach, CA 90808**

11. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Emy Arteaga
Golf Operations Support

c: Municipal Golf Commission
Reginald I. Harrison, Deputy City Manager
Phil T. Hester, Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine
Thomas A. Shippey, Manager of Maintenance Operations
Terry L. Lortz, Superintendent of Golf Operations
Jay Carballo, Regional Director of American Golf Corporation
Lisa Georgeson, Director of Junior Golf Programs